

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claims 2-11 as indicated below.

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 12 and 13 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended):        The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~1~~, ~~characterized by~~  
12 further comprising a drawer (10a) configured to receive the first holding element that can  
~~be placed into the apparatus (10) together with the holding elements (54).~~

Claim 3 (currently amended):        The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~1~~ 12, wherein in the  
collection position ~~of the holding elements (54) is configured in such a way that~~ of the first  
holding element the first receptacle (12) is flush with ~~the~~ an upper plane (42a) defined by the  
contamination shielding panel (42).

Claim 4 (currently amended):        The apparatus as defined in Claim ~~1~~ 12, wherein in the  
collection position of the ~~holding elements (54) is configured in such a way that~~ first holding  
element at least a portion of the first receptacle (12) penetrates through ~~a cutout (44) shaped~~  
~~in the contamination shielding panel (42) and thus projects the opening so as to project~~  
beyond ~~the~~ an upper plane (42a) defined by the contamination shielding panel (42).

Claim 5 (currently amended):        The apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein the first  
receptacle (12) comprises a cover (12a) that is joined via a tab (12b) to a lower part (12e); the  
cover (12) defines a receptacle opening (12d); and the cover (12a) is attached to the first

holding element (54) in such a way that the receptacle opening (12d) faces substantially in the direction of the contamination shielding panel (42).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim 5 12, ~~when a holding element (54) is~~ wherein the first receptacle includes a receptacle opening, and wherein at least a portion of the first holding element is movable generally upwardly from a first position into the collection position ~~raised, so that~~ the receptacle opening (12d) is substantially parallel to the contamination shielding panel (42).

Claim 7 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim 4 2, wherein the first holding element (54) is disposed pivotably in the drawer (10a); and further comprising a rod (25) which defines disposed in the drawer and defining an axis (25a) about which the first holding element (54) is pivotable is provided in the drawer (10a).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein ~~each of the holding elements (54)~~ first holding element comprises a first and a second part (54a, 54b); a depression (62) that constitutes a bearing about the rod (25) is configured in the holding element (54); and ~~the~~ a center of gravity lies in the first part (54a) of the holding element (54).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim 8, wherein a mount (64) that is configured to receive and retain the first receptacle (12) is provided on the first part (54a) of the first holding element (54).

Claim 10 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim 8, wherein the first part of the first holding element includes a stop and the drawer includes a counterelement configured to limit a movement of the stop a stop (66), which coacts with a corresponding counterelement of the drawer (10a) in order so as to limit the tilt the pivoting of the first holding element about the axis (54), is provided on the first part (54a) of the holding element (54).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein the first holding elements (54) ~~rest element~~ includes a depression, the first holding element being removably supported loosely on the rod (25) by means of a at the depression (62); and the holding elements (54) can be so as to be removable removed from the drawer (10a) without assembly work.

Claim 12 (new): An apparatus for receiving microdissected specimens on an X-Y stage, the apparatus comprising:

- a contamination shielding panel defining an opening configured to pass a microdissected specimen to the at least one receptacle, the contamination shielding panel and a stage surface of the X-Y stage defining a displacement space therebetween;

- at least one receptacle for collection; and

- a first holding element configured to receive a first of the at least one receptacle, the first holding element being displaceable in the displacement space relative to the opening so as to bring the first receptacle into a collection position in an alignment with the opening.

Claim 13 (new): The apparatus as defined in Claim 12, further comprising a second holding element configured to receive a second of the at least one receptacle and being displaceable in the displacement space relative to the opening so as to bring the second receptacle into the collection position in the alignment with the opening.